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THE DAY OF PENTECOST GŴYL Y PENTECOST



SUNDAY 28TH MAY 2023

HYMN:

Come down, O Love divine,
Seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
Till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light
Shine ever on my sight,
And cloth me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
Mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart,
Which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace,
Till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Italian, Bianco da Siena d 1434

Tr R F Littledale 1822-90

Tune: Down Ampney, R Vaughan Williams

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The celebrant introduces the service

Jesus Christ, whom we worship, is our crucified,
risen and ascended Lord and we have walked
with him through his journey of love.
We have faced the agony of his suffering and death on a cross.
We have rejoiced at his bursting free from the bonds of death.
We have enjoyed his risen presence with us
and his revelation of himself through the breaking of bread.
We have seen his return to the throne before
which every knee shall bow
and every tongue confess that this Jesus is Lord.
And now, with the followers of his own time,
we await the coming of the promised Holy Spirit,
his gift to his people, through whom
we make Christ known to the world.

RESPONSORY

As we wait in silence,
fill us with your Spirit.
As we listen to your word,
fill us with your Spirit.
As we worship you in majesty,
fill us with your Spirit.
As we long for your refreshing,
fill us with your Spirit.
As we long for your renewing,
fill us with your Spirit.
As we long for your equipping,
fill us with your Spirit.
As we long for your empowering,
fill us with your Spirit.

Silence is kept.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2.1-13)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

The reader says

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

PRAYER FOR PERSONAL RENEWAL

The celebrant says

Be with us, Spirit of God;

nothing can separate us from your love.

Breathe on us, breath of God;

fill us with your saving power.

Speak in us, wisdom of God;

bring strength, healing, and peace.

Let us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Let us praise and bless God for ever.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Please Stand

**Glory in the highest to the God of heaven!
Peace to all your people through the earth be given:
Mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring,
Singing alleluias to our heavenly King.**

**Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son:
With the Holy Spirit, you are Lord alone!
Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear,
Show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer.**

**Christ the world's true Saviour, high and holy one,
Seated now and reigning from your Father's throne:
Lord and God, we praise you; highest heaven adores:
In the Father's glory, all the praise be yours!**

Tune: Camberwell

THE COLLECT

Let us pray that the Spirit will work through our lives
to bring Christ to the world.

Silence is kept.

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN

Holy Spirit, hear us;
help us while we sing;
breathe into the music
of the praise we bring.

Holy Spirit, prompt us
when we try to pray;

nearer come, and teach us
what we ought to say.

Holy Spirit, teach us
through the words we read;
bring to life the Gospel
with the light we need.

William Henry Parker 1845-1929
Tune: Glenfinlas

JOHN 7. 37-39

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water." ' Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ

THE SERMON

Please Sit

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Please Stand and turn to the Font

Let us proclaim the Christian faith into which we were baptised
and in which we live and grow:

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?
**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son, Jesus Christ?
**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.**

God, the all-powerful Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven all our sins. May he also keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Everyone is then sprinkled with baptismal water as a token of God's renewing grace.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please Sit

We pray for God to fill us with his Spirit.

Generous God, we thank you for the *power* of your Holy Spirit.
We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better.
Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *wisdom* of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to make us wise to understand your will.
Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *peace* of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to keep us confident of your love wherever you call us.
Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *healing* of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness
where there is division, sickness and sorrow.
Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *gifts* of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to equip us for the work which you have given us.
Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *fruit* of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus.
Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *breath* of your Holy Spirit,
given us by the risen Lord.
We ask you to keep the whole Church, living and departed,
in the joy of eternal life.
Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

Generous God,
you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the river Jordan,
and upon the disciples in the upper room:
in your mercy fill us with your Spirit,
hear our prayer,
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be with you always. Alleluia. Alleluia.
and also with you. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Let us offer one another a sign of the Lord's peace.

HYMN

All together in one place
friends of Jesus met to pray,
waiting as the Lord had said
for the Pentecostal day. Alleluia!

All together with one power
poured out when the Spirit came,
touching each and filling all,
rushing wind and burning flame. Alleluia!

All together with one voice,
praising God in every tongue:
languages they never learned,
telling what the Lord had done. Alleluia!

All together with one aim:
bearing witness to their Lord –
sharing faith by word and deed,
preaching Christ, the living Word. Alleluia!

All together still today,
though two thousand years have gone.
Still the Spirit's power is given;
still God's people meet as one. Alleluia!

One in mission, one in faith,
still responding to God's call,
one in telling all the world
Jesus Christ is Lord of all! Alleluia!

Brian Hoare b.1935
Tune: Wurttemberg

THE THANKSGIVING

We celebrate together the gifts and grace of God.
We take this bread,
we take this wine
to follow Christ's example
and obey his command.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

O God, life-giving Spirit,
Spirit of healing and comfort, of integrity and truth,
warm-winged Spirit, brooding over creation,
rushing wind and Pentecostal fire:
help us by this sacrament to commit ourselves
to work with you and renew our world;
we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here
His Spirit is with us

Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy
at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King, almighty, everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord.

Today we give you thanks
because you have brought to completion the paschal mystery.
You fulfil your promise by pouring out your Spirit on your people,
uniting many tongues into one confession of faith.
We rejoice as members of your Church
in which your Spirit inspires the proclamation
of good news to all the nations
and gives your people grace to serve you
until your Son Jesus Christ will come
to bring us all into your Kingdom.

Therefore with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty.
And we lift our hearts before you
as a token of our love.
Holy, holy, holy, holy.**

**Gracious Father, gracious Father,
Blessed is the one who comes to us
in your name.
And we lift our hearts before you
as we give you thanks and praise.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Hear us, heavenly Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord
Through him accept our sacrifice of praise,
and grant that, by the power of your Spirit,
these gifts of bread and wine may be for us his body and blood;

Who in the same night that he was betrayed
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper,
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying,

Drink from this, all of you;
for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come in glory.**

Therefore, Father,
remembering the saving death and resurrection of your Son
we offer to you in thanksgiving this bread and this cup,
your gifts to us, and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send your Holy Spirit upon all of us
who share this bread and this cup
Strengthen our faith, make us one
and welcome us and all your people
into the glorious kingdom of your Son.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all honour and glory are yours,
almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The priest breaks the bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

We Sing

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

The Invitation to Communion

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

HYMN AT THE END OF COMMUNION

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

break me, melt me, mould me, fill me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. *Sing through twice*

Daniel Iverson 1890-1977

Silence is kept

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious:

his love is everlasting.

Faithful God,

who fulfilled the promises of Easter

by sending us your Holy Spirit

and opening to every race and nation

the way of life eternal:

open our lips by your Spirit,

that every tongue may tell of your glory;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Today we have remembered the coming of God's power on the disciples and we invite that same Spirit to drive us out into the wild places of the world.

May the Spirit, who hovered over the waters when the world was created, breathe into you the life he gives.

May the Spirit, who overshadowed the Virgin when the eternal Son came among us, make you joyful in the service of the Lord.

May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost, bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Filled with the Spirit's power,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

In the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

FINAL HYMN

Holy Spirit, living breath of God,
Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord,
To renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;
Give me faith for what I cannot see,
Give me passion for Your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within,
May Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin,
In each thought and deed and attitude.

Kindness to the greatest and the least,
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace;
Breath of God show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
Giving life to all that God has made,
Show Your power once again on earth,
Cause Your church to hunger for your ways.
May the fragrance of our prayers arise;
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ
may be clear for all the world to see.

Keith Getty b.1974
Stuart Townend b.1963



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NOTICES

Refreshments. Please do join us for refreshments after the service if you can.

Foodbank. The Foodbank box is now back in the Parish Church. Donations gratefully received.

Praying for Growth. Please pray for the growth and renewal of the Church here in this place. Here is the Leading Your Church into Growth Prayer (*card copies are available at the back of the Church*):

*God of Mission,
Who alone brings growth to your Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
Joy to our worship,
And power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The Community Fridge takes place every Sunday from 5-7pm at the Parish Church.

LYCiG. The next meeting of the LYCiG Group will take place on Tuesday 20th June at 10am in the Church Vestry. New people always welcome!

THE WEEK AHEAD

29th Monday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holy Eucharist
5pm Evening Prayer

30th Tuesday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer
5pm Evening Prayer
6pm Holy Eucharist

31st Wednesday – The Visit of the Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

9am Morning Prayer
10.30am Holy Eucharist
12noon Society of Catholic Priests
Eucharist *at the Parish Church*
5pm Evening Prayer

1st Thursday – Justin, Martyr

9am Morning Prayer
10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church*
11am Prayer Group *in the Translators
Chapel*
5pm Evening Prayer

2nd Friday – Blandina & her Companions

9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Offeren (*Welsh Eucharist*)
5pm Evening Prayer

3rd Saturday – Martyr of Uganda

9am Morning Prayer
5pm Evening Prayer

4th Sunday – Trinity Sunday

9.30am The Parish Eucharist *at the*

Parish Church

9.30am Holy Eucharist *at St Mary's Cefn*

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

3.30pm Evening Prayer

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